

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of ROLAND E. TIMM and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
E.N. ROGERS MEMORIAL VETERANS HOSPITAL, Bedford, MA

*Docket No. 98-1372; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued November 15, 1999*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained lower back injury on September 8, 1997 in the performance of duty, causally related to factors of his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the March 5, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative in is accordance with the law and the facts in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

Accordingly, the decisions dated March 5, 1998 and October 23, 1997 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
November 15, 1999

Michael J. Walsh  
Chairman

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member